



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 724

Chairperson: Jim Jensen
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 12, 2003

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 724 adopts the Behavioral Health Reform Act, “to provide legislative intent for reform of the behavioral health care system in the State of Nebraska and a process for the implementation of such reform, including a substantive recodification of statutes relating to the funding and delivery of behavioral health care services in the State of Nebraska.”

The bill provides legislative intent for the revision and recodification of statutes relating to the statewide behavioral health system, including (1) state hospitals for the mentally ill, or regional centers, (2) the county regional governance system, and (3) the statewide administration and funding of the behavioral health system.

The bill requires the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee to prepare and introduce legislation or amendments to legislation in the Ninety-Eighth Legislature to implement such intent.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Jim Jensen